

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT 4300 CHERRY CREEK DRIVE SOUTH DENVER, COLORADO 80246

EMERGENCY MEDICAL PRACTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL (EMPAC) February 23, 2011 DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

William Dunn, EMPAC Chair

William Dunn, EMPAC Chair, called the February 23, 2011 Emergency Medical Practice Advisory Council (EMPAC) to order at approximately 9:04 a.m. at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Room C1E, Building C, 4300 Cherry Creek Drive South, Denver, Colorado, 80246.

Roll Call

Nick Boukas, EMPAC Coordinator Nick Boukas, EMPAC Coordinator, conducted the roll call. A quorum was

established.

Members Present Dr. Jo

Dr. John Abbott, Dr. Stein Bronsky, Thomas Candlin, William Dunn, Dr. William Hall, Dr. Art Kanowitz, Dr. Benji Kitagawa, Randy Kuykendall, and Dr. Kevin

Weber

Members Excused Jason Kotas

Members Absent Dr. Gene Eby

EMTS Section Staff Present Nick Boukas, Sean Caffrey, and Michelle Reese

Members of the Public Jim Richardson, Kevin McVaney, Jen Ossey, Bill Johnston, and Mark Turner.

Approval of Minutes

William Dunn, EMPAC Chair

The draft minutes of the January 26, 2011, EMPAC meeting had been e-mailed to each of the EMPAC members for their review and approval. These minutes are also

available for viewing at www.coems.info/EMPAC.

MOTION MOVED BY KEVIN WEBER, SECONDED BENJI KITAGAWA, TO

APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 26, 2011, EMPAC

MEETING.

MOTION CARRIED MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Correspondence

Will Dunn, EMPAC Chair

None.

OLD BUSINESS

EMS Practice and Medical Director Oversight Rules

Randy Kuykendall and Michelle Reese Randy Kuykendall stated that the focus of the meeting would be reviewing the remainder of the rule changes for Chapter 2 rules. The Department of Public Health Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Chris Urbina, promulgates these rules. May 23, 2011 is the tentative date for the hearing that will be held in Room C1E, Building C.

After the EMPAC recommendations and before the hearing on the rule changes, the EMTS staff will present the changes at three town hall meetings in Pueblo, Greeley, and Parachute. At the meetings, the EMTS staff will get input from the public.

Discussion followed regarding timeframe for rule changes taking effect by the beginning of July and the ability of an emergency rule change.

The objective of the rule change is to coincide with the EMT certification rules and to add the Advanced EMT scope of practice to be in concert with the national scope of practice. After the final draft of the rules is done, the Attorney General's office will do a final review. Once the rules are put in place, over the next 6 to 8 months Legislative Legal Services will review rules to make sure that they are within the authority given in statute.

Review of text revisions

Michelle Reese presented the following text revisions:

Section 2, page 1 line 29 - Added definition of Advanced Cardiac Life Support, ACLS. Michelle Reese and Nick Boukas worked on fixing inconsistencies between certification and education rules (Chapter 1 rules)

"EMS Rules" changed to "Rules pertaining to EMS education and certification."

Added definition for Scope of Practice - medication administration and acts authorized in these rules for EMS providers.

In Section 8 – added rule provision for paramedic same as intermediate in 7.5

Section 11 – Waivers

11.5 Added "including but not limited to" to allow for leeway.

11.10 If a medical director has submitted a waiver before it has expired, the waiver can continue until department can review.

11.11 Exigent circumstances for medical director, the department may transfer waivers by replacement medical director not to exceed 6 months.

Discussion followed regarding questions on EMTI remaining in Colorado, EMTI continuing in Colorado for the foreseeable future and is in the rules, Colorado will have validation tool for I-99 even when the national registry goes away, where will AEMT scope of practice go, possibility of writing an EMTI fact sheet, include the topic at the upcoming town hall meeting, importance to remember that EMTI remains in the rules, and EMTI won't be able to transfer to other states.

Review of Appendices

Nick Boukas presented the following revisions to the Appendices: Transcription errors were corrected

revisions

PPD placements – Paramedics can do placement but nothing in rule for interpretation.

MOTION

MOVED BY KEVIN WEBER, SECONDED BENJI KITAGAWA, TO ADD "& interpretation" to APPENDIX B-VACCINES-MEDICATIONS "Post-exposure, employment, or pre-employment related - PPD placement"

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Breaking out CPAP/BiPAP/PEEP into separate rows. It was determined that this change would be beyond the focus of today's meeting.

Allowing Transport ventilators specific to intermediates and AEMT level. It was determined that this change needs more discussion.

Allowing Cardioversion for intermediates. It was determined that this change needs more discussion.

Urinary Catheterization changes not necessary at this time.

Discussion followed regarding keeping Single Lumen Esophageal Airways on the list of practice rules to be discussed, parking lot used for rule change, and mention parking lot at town hall meeting so they know issues that will be discussed in the future.

Michelle Reese added that the final rule would be left justified.

Approval of Practice Rules

MOTION MOVED BY KEVIN WEBER, SECONDED BY BENJI KITAGAWA, TO

APPROVE EMS PRACTICE RULES.

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Discussion followed regarding the outstanding work of the Staff on the rules.

NEW BUSINESS

EMPAC Meeting Schedule and Location

Will Dunn, EMPAC Chair

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The need for March and April meetings was discussed.

MOVED BY KEVIN WEBER, SECONDED BY BENJI KITAGAWA, TO CANCEL MARCH AND APRIL MEETINGS.

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Discussion followed regarding having the November meeting in Keystone at the EMSAC meeting, replacing the November 14th meeting with a meeting on November 2nd, format of the meeting, waivers and then town meeting format, possibility of one EMPAC meeting a year out in the field, would a meet and greet be better, trying the EMSAC conference and also having a Western Slope meeting, need to look at finance.

ACTION ITEM

Will Dunn directed the staff to investigate the possibility of having an EMPAC meeting on November 2nd at the EMSAC conference in Keystone and to contact the EMPAC members regarding their availability.

2011 EMPAC Meetings – May 9th, August 8th, and November date and location to be determined.

CQI System Template

Nick Boukas discussed how EMPAC could help physicians implement CQI. The EMPAC could create a task force to work on a facilitation tool.

Dr. Kanowitz presented two parts of how EMPAC can do this. A task force of EMPAC could put that together a toolkit to provide to EMS medical directors that need help improving CQI process. At this time, 9 of the 11 RETACs have regional EMS medical directors. That group of medical directors could work with task force to put together toolkit. Then the EMPAC could do some education for the regional medical directors on best practices for CQI. Then regional medical directors could take the information back to their agencies and help put together a better CQI program. The toolkit would be a resource for medical director.

Discussion followed on the usefulness of this and establishing benchmarks, making sure the data is being used to improve care, medical directors doing good in house CQI will help the statewide process.

Dr. Hall suggested that the days in March and April that were scheduled for EMPAC meetings could be days for the task force to meet.

ACTION ITEM

Nick Boukas will ask for task force members and possibility of meeting on March 29 and April 27.

Other Discussion

Nick Boukas commented that waivers will be available online in PDF format for members to review.

May agenda items were discussed:

Town hall meeting reports

Section Report

 Pediatric RSI question – experts to report on recommendations. Medical directors need to know where to go to get information and how to get waivers

Automatic transport ventilators

ACTION ITEM

Nick Boukas will send public notice regarding town hall meetings. March 8^{th} in Parachute, March 15^{th} in Loveland, March 16^{th} in Pueblo.

Randy Kuykendall reminder the group of the May 23rd Rule Promulgation hearing.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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